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The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism

GO SERV's mission is to bring Californians together to meet community challenges through service and volunteerism. By working together, we can make a meaningful impact on our communities. To find a local volunteer opportunity, link to the GO SERV website (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/volunteer/volunteer.asp>).



Citizen Corps:

In March, the 2002 Citizen Corps Council and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grant year came to an end. During that time, GO SERV programs conducted over 300 basic courses that CERT-trained more than 10,000 Californians. There were 103 Train-the-Trainer classes, which resulted in 2,000 new CERT trainers in California. Additionally, over 2,000 Californians participated in their local Citizen Corps councils.

For a complete report on the first year of the California Citizen Corps program, please visit the GO SERV web site to download the Citizen Corps annual report at <http://www.goserv.ca.gov/news/reports.asp>. You can also review Citizen Corps newsletters at <http://www.goserv.ca.gov/news/newsletters.asp>.



Service Opportunities:

On the GO SERV web site, you can connect to volunteer and service opportunities throughout California. To find one time and ongoing volunteer opportunities in your community, link to our Volunteer Here page and find a project.

There are service opportunities for people of any age, so become involved and have your friends and family members join you in serving your community. To find out more about volunteering in your community link to <http://www.goserv.ca.gov/volunteer/volunteer.asp>.



Spotlight:

GO SERV has recognized some outstanding Spotlights in the last two months. They include:

Robert Beckett, a Foster Grandparent who spends 5 hours a day teaching foreign born students math and English (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/spotlights/feature062.asp>); James Nelson, a CERT member from Kern County who has spent the past five years establishing a dynamic CERT program in Kern County (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/spotlights/feature063.asp>); Kathleen Ball, who has spent the past three years volunteering with the Redwood Coast Medical Services in Gualala, California, and is directly responsible for raising \$35,000 (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/spotlights/feature064.asp>); and Lela Diaz, a Safe Corps member who has coordinated several community public safety events and assisted schools in establishing on-campus student run Red Cross clubs (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/spotlights/feature064.asp>).



The most recent Spotlight recipients come from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where students spent their spring break helping families in Tecate, Mexico build a new

home and repair existing ones (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/index.asp>). These recipients pledged their time and hard work to make a community better. These dedicated Californians are but a sampling of the outstanding volunteers across the state.

Nominate a Spotlight:

If you know people who are making a difference in their community, you can nominate them for the GO SERV Spotlight award by linking to <http://216.102.105.127/spotlights/submit.html>.

